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U.S. Department of Education ★ Office of Inspector General



Work on Some of the Most Important Issues Impacting Education in America





We're the U.S. Department of Education Office of Inspector General

As the Federal government disburses billions of dollars each year to individuals and local, State, and national, international, nonprofit, and for-profit entities, who makes sure that those dollars are being distributed and used as required by law? The answer: the offices of inspector general—a cadre of Federal employees focused on protecting the integrity of our government and dedicated to preventing and detecting fraud, waste, and abuse in Federal agencies, thereby improving Federal programs, operations, and services. The inspectors general are America's watchdogs—the eyes, ears, and voice of the American taxpayer—helping to ensure that our tax dollars are used effectively and efficiently.

Each Federal agency has an Office of Inspector General watching over agency funds and operations. We're the Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Department of Education (ED). To do our job and fulfill our mission, we conduct independent and objective audits, investigations, reviews, and a full range of other activities. We identify problems and propose solutions so that ED programs and operations are meeting the requirements established by law, achieving the desired results, and reaching the intended recipients. We work with other Federal, State, and local agencies, the U.S. Congress, State educational agencies, school districts, colleges, universities, and other entities across the country, as well as in Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

At ED OIG, we tackle new and emerging issues head-on and continually works to improve our techniques and capabilities. We consistently expand our expertise by training and developing our staff. This dedication has enabled ED OIG to become a leader in the Federal government in the areas of audits, investigations, and fighting cyber crime. We also emphasize the importance and value of diversity and inclusion in the workplace to help ensure that the work we produce is accessible to the diverse public we serve. We seek to maximize the skills and career potential of every employee in a culture that encourages collaboration, flexibility, and fairness.

ED OIG has challenging and rewarding positions from entry level to senior executives in our Washington, D.C., headquarters as well as in our offices throughout the country. Find out more about ED OIG and the exciting career that awaits you by visiting our website at www.ed.gov/oig, and follow us on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#)!



Audit Services

Are you interested in working in a fast-paced environment, producing work that is often covered by major media outlets and discussed on the floor of the U.S. Congress? Do you want to help make a difference for America's students and schools? And do you want to do so in a rewarding environment that puts you in the driver's seat of your career? If the answer is yes, then this is the place to be!

ED OIG Office of Audit Services is responsible for audit-related activities aimed at improving ED programs and operations, including Federal student aid, K-12 schools, charter schools, special education, vocational education, adult education, and more. We conduct analyses, internal and external audits, inspections, reviews, and special studies designed to improve ED programs and operations. When our work identifies problems, we propose solutions to help ensure ED programs and operations run as effectively and efficiently as possible. We also recommend changes needed in Federal laws—our work, often conducted at the request of the U.S. Congress, can have a significant impact on some of the most important Federal education laws in our country, including the Higher Education Act, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Our team is composed of individuals with diverse educational backgrounds, including accountants, auditors, economists, financial analysts, statisticians, as well as people with degrees in communications, public policy, psychology, sociology, history, and English. We conduct a variety of assignments, including research, interviews, reviews, and performance-based audits to ensure that ED programs and program participants are operating and using Federal taxpayer dollars as intended and as required by law.

ED OIG Audit Services will allow you to let your research, analytical, critical thinking, and writing skills shine. If you like to objectively and thoroughly examine problems and effectively communicate solutions, if you want a rewarding career that puts you in the forefront of some of the most important issues impacting education in America today, then join our team!



Investigation Services

Does tackling complex criminal conspiracies, public corruption, identity theft, and other financial fraud appeal to you? Do you want to fight fraud and stop those who line their pockets with funding they take away from the students they promised to serve? And would you like to do so in an environment loaded with opportunities for professional growth and development? If you answered yes, then this is the place for you!

ED OIG Investigation Services is the primary law enforcement arm of ED. We are responsible for criminal, civil, and administrative investigative activities related to ED's programs and operations—from examining allegations of wrongdoing to aggressively pursuing those who seek to enrich themselves at the expense of our nation's students.

ED OIG special agents are criminal investigators and law enforcement professionals who conduct investigations of suspected criminal or fraudulent activities by schools, colleges, universities, ED grant recipients, contractors, subcontractors, school officials, ED employees—any entity or individual that participates in ED programs or received ED funding. Our special agents have put a stop to thousands of criminal schemes and scams involving ED programs, operations, and funds. We have unraveled multimillion-dollar fraud schemes by high-ranking school officials, unscrupulous school owners, and other people placed in positions of trust to educate our children, and we have put an end to multilayered identity theft scams involving hundreds of unwitting victims.

ED OIG special agents exercise full law enforcement authority, including carrying firearms, executing arrest and search warrants, and taking sworn statements. They also employ the full spectrum of traditional law enforcement techniques, such as conducting surveillance and undercover operations. ED OIG special agents work side-by-side with their colleagues in other law enforcement agencies, as well as with Federal, State, and local prosecutors.

Our diverse team is composed of individuals with academic backgrounds in criminal justice, communications, public policy, psychology, sociology, history, finance, languages, and more. We conduct a variety of investigations into issues that are often found on the front page of newspapers and media outlets, such as student aid fraud and embezzlement schemes involving K-12 schools officials.

If you are interested in a career in law enforcement, then this is the place to be!



Information Technology Audits and Computer Crime Investigations

Do you have a cyber, computer forensic, analytical, or information technology background? Do you possess top-notch analytical skills? And are you looking for a rewarding career that puts your abilities to the test, all the while providing you with opportunities to enhance to skills with cutting-edge equipment and advanced analytical software applications? If the answer is yes, then this is the place for you!

The explosion of information technology has revolutionized the way the world does business—and the Federal government is no exception. Virtually every program and operation in ED relies heavily on information systems. Ensuring those systems and the valuable data they hold are safe from intrusion and operating as effectively as possible is a challenging task and a critical priority for the agency.

ED OIG has made this issue an operational priority and, in doing so, is helping to blaze the trail for the rest of the Federal government. We're doing this through our Information Technology Audits and Computer Crime Investigations (ITACCI) office. ITACCI combines audit, investigative, digital evidence and analytical expertise to address information technology management and cyber-security issues. We use the latest technology and techniques to discover and defeat current and emerging threats from cyber and economic crime. We are one of only a few Federal offices to operate a full-time, state-of-the-art computer laboratory, which enables ITACCI team members to conduct and coordinate digital forensic analysis, data analytics, digital evidence processing, and advanced statistical techniques, as well as system security testing and evaluation.

Our ITACCI team is composed of information technology auditors, information technology specialists, forensic media analysts, investigative and financial analysts, and law enforcement professionals. ITACCI audit staff conduct analyses, reviews, and audits designed to identify issues of concern to the agency. When our work identifies problems, we propose solutions. ITACCI investigative staff are law enforcement officers who use highly specialized techniques and methods such as digital evidence examination and proactive data analytics to investigate criminal activity that targets information technology systems involved in the administration of Federal student aid funds.

If you have the ability to analyze complex technological problems and effectively communicate solutions, or if you are interested in law enforcement and tackling complex criminal conspiracies, then this is the place for you!



Management Services; Office of Counsel; Quality & Integrity Group; and Congressional, Public Affairs and Communications Services

Calling all business professionals—attorneys, management analysts, budget analysts, Human Resources officers, communications professionals, acquisition professionals, managers, writers, editors, and administrative support staff! ED OIG offers rewarding career opportunities that put you in the forefront of its important mission! Be it through our Management Services component, Office of Counsel, Quality and Integrity Group, or our Congressional, Public Affairs and Communications Services unit, use your best business skills and put your education to work in the fight to root out fraud, waste, and abuse in ED programs and operations!

- **Management Services.** Business professionals, such as management, financial, and budget analysts; acquisition professionals; human resources officers; and other positions provide administrative and management support throughout ED OIG, including formulating, executing and overseeing the ED OIG budget, managing ED OIG facilities and internal operations, and coordinating all hiring and onboarding activities.
- **Office of Counsel.** Attorneys, information professionals, and law students responsible for ED OIG's legal, Freedom of Information Act, and ethics functions. Our attorneys provide legal advice and assistance to all ED OIG staff on a range of subjects, including Federal education law, and administrative, criminal, and civil matters.
- **Quality and Integrity Group.** Auditors and investigators responsible for conducting internal investigations of ED OIG personnel and for internal quality control reviews and vulnerability assessments of audit, investigative, inspection, and administrative activities.
- **Congressional, Public Affairs, and Communications Services.** Communications professionals, writers, editors, and graphic designers who coordinate communications between ED OIG and Congress, the media, and as well as produce content for our website and podcasts and provide editorial and graphic services to all ED OIG staff.

And no office can run effectively without administrative support! ED OIG administrative support staff keep the office up and running, answer calls and emails, organize meetings, manage schedules, handle travel arrangements, and more!



Competitive Compensation and Benefits

Doing work that will positively impact students, education, and your hard-earned tax dollars may be incentive enough to look at ED OIG career opportunities, but we offer even more.

- Competitive salaries and opportunities for rapid and substantial salary increases.
- Criminal investigators and information technology specialists are eligible for additional pay above regular Federal employee rates.
- Eligibility to participate in the Federal Thrift Savings Plan, a tax-deferred retirement savings and investment plan that offers the same type of savings and investment benefits offered by many private companies under 401(k) plans.
- Health benefits, including medical, dental, vision, mental health services, and physical therapy that can be taken into retirement.
- A 40-hour work week and compensatory time off for extra hours worked.
- Paid annual, personal, and sick leave.
- Opportunities to participate in alternative and flexible work schedules, telework, and off-site workspaces.
- Training and professional development opportunities to help you excel in your career
- Professional certification review courses, exam fees, and tuition reimbursement programs.

Whether you are just entering the workforce or you are a seasoned professional, ED OIG has career opportunities for you. To view our career opportunities, visit our website at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/career.html>.

Want to know more about the work we're doing to protect our nation's students and taxpayers? Check out our website, www.ed.gov/oig, where you can find our podcast, our Semiannual Reports to Congress, recent audit reports, and more. You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook for the latest news.

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